

relatively smaller diameter, said tip end having an outside diameter adapted to be attached to a club head;
said butt end having at least one portion with
an outside diameter [no greater than .560 inches] of about
.460 inches.

2. (Amended) The golf club shaft of claim 1,
wherein:

said butt end has [an outside diameter of from
.400 to .560 inches] a wall thickness of between .04 and
.045 inches.

Please cancel claim 4.

7. (Amended) A composite golf club shaft
comprising:

an elongated tubular shaft comprising a
plurality of layers of fiber imbedded in a synthetic
resin, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt end
comprising a substantially cylindrical cross section of
relatively larger cross section, which transitions without
intervening discontinuities to a tapered intermediate
section, said tapered intermediate section tapering
without intervening discontinuities to a relatively
smaller diameter tip end, said tip end having an outside
diameter adapted to be fitted to the hosel of a club head;

said butt end having an outside diameter [no
greater than .560] between .400 to .560 inches.

8. (Amended) The golf club shaft of claim 7,
wherein:

said butt end has [an outside diameter of from
.400 to .560] a wall thickness between .04 and .045
inches.

Please cancel claim 10.

Please add the following new claims:

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5 13. A composite golf club shaft comprising:
an elongated tubular shaft comprising a
plurality of layers of fiber imbedded in a synthetic
resin, said elongated tubular shaft having a butt end
comprising a substantially cylindrical cross section of
relatively larger cross section having an outside diameter
between .400 and .560 inches, which transitions without
intervening discontinuities to a tapered intermediate
section, said tapered intermediate section transitioning
10 without intervening discontinuities to a relatively
smaller diameter tip end, said tip end having an outside
diameter adapted to be fitted to the hosel of a club head.

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14. The shaft of claim 13 wherein the taper of
said intermediate section is more significant than in said
tip and butt sections.

15. The shaft of claim 14 wherein the butt end
includes parallel sidewalls.

16. The shaft of claim 15 wherein the tip end
includes parallel sidewalls.

17. The golf club shaft of claim 13 wherein
said butt end includes at least one cross-section diameter
between .450 and .475 inches.

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18. The shaft of claim 13 wherein said butt end
includes at least one cross-section diameter of about .460
inches.

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19. A golf club shaft comprising:
an elongated tubular shaft, said elongated
tubular shaft having a butt end comprising a substantially
cylindrical cross section of relatively larger cross
section having an outside diameter between .400 and .560
inches, which transitions without intervening
discontinuities to a tapered intermediate section, said